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REPORT COMPLETED . . . Architect Weldon Fulton, who has completed a site study for the City of Torrance on a proposed location for the Palos Verdes State College, shows one of the possible site development plans which was filed with the report Monday afternoon. The report was filed with trustees of the California State Colleges. Trustees are expected to examine the report, along with studies of other proposed sites, and make a recommendation to the State Board of Public Works in October. (Press-Herald Photo)

City's Study on College Site Handed to Trustees

A feasibility report on an alternate Palos Verdes Peninsula site for the homeless Palos Verdes State College was filed with the Board of Trustees of the California State Colleges Monday afternoon by the City of Torrance.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, in a letter formally filing the feasibility study, told trustees the city's purpose "is to identify the 'pros and cons' of a possible site that we have evaluated as a prime area to serve the state college needs in the area."

The proposed site is located between Hawthorne and Crenshaw boulevards at the foot of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and includes land known as the Torrance Sand and Gravel Pit and county landfill areas.

permanent campus for the college may be taken as early as January, 1966.

Once again, Ferraro pledged the city "to cooperate fully" with trustees in the search for a permanent campus, "regardless of its final location in the area."

A TOTAL OF 333 acres is available in the area, the report says. Of the total, about half is within the City of Torrance. The remainder is partially in the City of Rolling Hills Estates and the county. The entire site is undeveloped with the exception of one home, Ferraro said.

Part of the land is owned by the County and presently is used as a landfill area.

"In summation," the report concludes, "the briefly stated facts, reports and updated statistical information enclosed imply the site is well located and has many advantages conducive for an institution of higher learning."

ADDITIONAL MAPS and site development plans were filed with Dr. Harry Nethery of the state college staff.

An appraisal of the site places an estimated value of \$7.5 million on the total acreage.

Two Bloodmobile Visits Scheduled in Torrance

Persons giving blood at the Red Cross bloodmobiles here tomorrow and Friday will be making a valued contribution "during one of our most difficult times," Mrs. James Rayner, volunteer Torrance chairman for the Red Cross blood program, said today.

Bloodmobiles are scheduled to visit the Elks Club, 1820 Abalone St., from 2 until 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and the Riviera Community Hospital from 2:30 until 7 p.m. Friday.

The Red Cross faces a lag in blood donations every year at this time because of the number of persons now on vacation, Mrs. Rayner said.

Bloodmobiles are conducted on an appointment basis and persons wishing to donate are urged to call the Red Cross at TE 2-321 and make an appointment. Extra nurses will, however, be on duty at the bloodmobiles to accommodate persons who wish to "drop in," Mrs. Rayner said.

REPORT FROM EUROPE

Italy Enters Era of Prosperity

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of reports from Europe which Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. is writing for the Press-Herald. Sciarrotta, on vacation in Europe, writes today from Rome, Italy.)

By Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr.

ROME—There seems to be a great deal of prosperity in most parts of Italy. Calabria and Sicily, the two most southern parts of Italy, lack signs of any great prosperity. However, one finds a great deal of building taking place in most parts of the country. High-rise apartments are very much in evidence all over. Cars, which at one time were owned only by the rich, are now within the reach of many Italians.

The wage increase of the

average Italian, per year, is nearly 12 per cent. This compares favorably with most of the Common Market countries and with that of average Americans—whose increase is approximately 3 per cent per year. In spite of this large per cent, however, the average Italian makes about \$4 per day.

It is interesting to note that the average Italian has a great deal of respect for the late John F. Kennedy. They feel that the two great men of this country were Kennedy and Pope John and they regret that both of them are now dead.

Italians feel that Pope John opened avenues in the religious world that have had a great impact in all of the Christian world and on the

Jews. They admired him as a liberal who dared to speak up and open the many avenues to unite Christianity.

When one points out the fact that President Kennedy really did not achieve very many of his goals because of the coalition of Southern Democrats and Northern Republicans, the Italians answer that even though this is so, no one can destroy the ideas for which he stood, not only for the United States but for the world as a whole. The Italians feel that Kennedy was a great humanitarian and when he died every one of them wept.

Dr. Filippi, a political scientist whom I met on the train to Rome, defined history as "a written record of what

Council May Ask Pay Hike

Torrance councilmen want an increase in their salaries and the question may be placed before the city's voters as early as April of next year.

Mayor Albert Isen proposed the pay hikes during a pre-council meeting last night and suggested that the matter might be taken up by "interested citizens" and placed before the voters at next year's municipal election.

The question was raised first by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, who proposed a long-range study of the city charter. Ferraro thinks a serious study of the charter—particularly those provisions which specify the powers and duties of the city manager and the salaries of councilmen—should be under taken.

COUNCILMEN will be unable to cope with problems which the city must face during the next five to ten years, despite the weekly meetings, Ferraro said. He suggested that charter reforms might formalize the council committee structure, provide additional pay for councilmen, and require additional work of the city fathers.

Ferraro said he did not want to involve councilmen in "administrative matters," but added that only the council has political responsibility in the community.

In general terms, Ferraro proposed a study of the charter—or at least specific areas set forth by the council—by professional experts. The report would be submitted to a citizens committee for review, then sent to the voters for action.

BUT MAYOR ISEN is impatient. He proposed that "someone" initiate a charter amendment to provide salary hikes, which could be placed on the ballot in April.

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man has done, thought, and felt." He emphasized that even though the great ideas of Kennedy were not realized during his lifetime, what he thought, what he felt, and what he said will become memorable history.

About 32 per cent of the Italian voters are socialist and communist. They vote together on many issues. Many Italians fear that if America should go to war against Russia, even though the present government would be favorable to America, what help Italy would want to give would almost be useless for she would have her hands full keeping the Communists in Italy in line. They feel the same situation is taking place all over the world.

Qualifying Exams Set

Examinations for the Peace Corps will be given in Los Angeles and Long Beach at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11.

The placement test, a non-competitive examination, will be administered in Room 518, Post Office and Court Building, 312 N. Spring St., Los Angeles. The test also will be given in Long Beach at the Post Office Building, 3rd Street and Long Beach Boulevard.

Isen Forecasts Bright Future for City, Area

Torrance has an "exceedingly bright" future in store, Mayor Albert Isen declared yesterday.

Isen, addressing members of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club, told Lions the city can maintain the "same friendly atmosphere" characteristic of earlier days despite the growth and development which is currently under way.

He recalled earlier days—when Juan Jose Dominguez received the fabled Rancho San Pedro land grant from Spain—of the area and noted that as late as 1801, Los Angeles County had only 100 permanent residents. The present city of Torrance, now the county's third largest city, now counts 135,000 residents, he said.

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Roof-Top Heliprot Proposed

A request for a variance which will permit the establishment of a heliprot on the roof of a proposed 14-story office building will be considered by the City Planning Commission at its meeting Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The petition has been filed by C. N. Cake, a Torrance developer who proposes to construct the 14-floor building on Torrance Boulevard west of Madrona Avenue. The site is now occupied by a building materials firm.

Previously, the Planning Commission has approved a change of zone to permit parking on land to the rear of the proposed building. The commission also has recommended favorable action on a request to develop less than the required parking area, although the number of spaces waived is considerably less than the number first requested.



ONE WILL BE A QUEEN . . . Nine young ladies, each of whom hopes to win the Waleria Round-Up Days queen contest, took time out this week from their ticket selling to pose for the photographer. The girls will be judged on beauty and poise Sept. 11 and points earned in the judging will be added to points earned for ticket sales to name the winner. Contestants are (from left) Christy Waldeck, Sue Scholle, 15; Becky Allen, 16; Judy Pinkney, 15; Donna Burk, 17; Anny Sabo, 16; Pat Celia, 18; Betty Campisi, 18, and Pam Freels, 16. (Press-Herald Photo)

provide a high level of services on a stable tax rate, Isen said. Gradual increases in industrial development and the continuing interest of citizens in civic affairs were cited as factors influencing the development of the city.

The mayor said residents of the city still must face the problem of unification—giving all residents a sense of belonging to Torrance through efforts to secure Torrance mailing addresses for those residents who are

served by post offices in Redondo Beach and Gardena. "I think the day will come when it will be mandatory for us to get Torrance addresses for the people of Riviera and North Torrance," Isen declared.

The elder McMicken said he and San Pedro police were "checking out a possible suspect in the beating."

Peace at Harvey Plant

An interim agreement between United Steelworkers of America Local 6700 and Harvey Aluminum Co. sent workers back into the plant this week after a strike that began April 5. Workers were beginning to return to the plant at Western Avenue and 190th Street yesterday and today and most are expected to be back on the job by next week. The 90-day pact was approved by union members Sunday and signed Monday.

Area Viet Nam Victim

Marine Cpl. Antonio Duarte Padilla, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Padilla, 417 W. D St., Wilmington, has been listed by the Defense Department as killed in action during fighting in South Viet Nam last week. The listing did not indicate where the death occurred.

Man Clubbed, Robbed

Sixty-nine-year-old Mateo Baldares told police Monday night that he had been knocked down and robbed of his pension money just after he had cashed the check. Baldares, who lives at 2135 W. Del Amo Blvd., said he had just cashed his \$125 pension check in a downtown store and was walking down the alley behind 1860 Torrance Blvd. when he was attacked and robbed by two men. He said the pair took his money, wallet, and all of his identification papers.

Father Fearful For Son

A 19-year-old student, beaten viciously about the head with a beer bottle in an apparently unprovoked attack early Monday, was in very critical condition at Harbor General Hospital this morning.

Vernon James McMicken of 1578 Torrance Blvd., a top language student at Harbor College, received severe damage to the right side of his head when attacked by an unidentified assailant on the beach near Avenue C about 3 a.m. Monday. Young McMicken and three other youths were leaving the beach when the attack occurred, the victim's father, Grant M. McMicken, told the Press-Herald.

"I checked the stories of the group with my son and they all say the man just walked up and began to hit Vernon about the head with a beer bottle," McMicken said.

The victim of the beating didn't appear to be hurt seriously and he was taken home by his friends. It wasn't until the dinner hour Monday that his injuries became apparent. When his father sought to awaken him, the youth could not be aroused.

Doctors at Harbor General Hospital operated on the beating victim Monday evening. He has been placed in an intensive care unit at the hospital.

Twelve in Custody

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